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1. DUE TO COMPLEXITY OF SCHEDULING AND PROVIDING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR SUBJECT MISSION, COMMERCE ADVANCE OFFICER (AO) ADVISES THAT SENIOR ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER HOLZMAN S PRESENCE DURING EVENT WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 THRU 25 IS NECESSARY. RECOMMEND THAT COMMERCE SUGGEST TO STATE THAT HOLZMAN BE EXCUSED FROM COMMERCIAL OFFICER'S CONFERENCE NAIROBI, FEB 20-24.

2. REF (A) WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT TO AO S ATTENTION AND AO NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH LAST SENTENCE PARA I. NOTE THAT OPENING DAY, MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, IS USG HOLIDAY AND COORDINATION OF POSTS AVAILABLE RESOURCES IS THEREFORE MORE DIFFICULT. DOVETAILING EVENTS IN TWO LOCATIONS ENDING IN DOUALA CONSULAR DISTRICT REQUIRES UNIFIED SUPERVISION DURING PREPARATION AND THROUGH EXECUTION. HOLZMAN HAS ALREADY BEEN INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND IS VIRTUALLY ONLY OFFICER WHO FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND CONCEIVES OF MISSION OBJECTIVES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROSPECTIVE PITFALLS.

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3. THEREFORE, BELIEVE THAT SUCCESSFUL FUNCTIONING AND EFFECTIVENESS MAY BE JEOPARDIZED BY HOLMAN S ABSENCE.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO AGRIBUSINESS SEMINAR EMBASSY IS EXPECTING AT SAME TIME VISIT FROM OPIC REPRESENTATIVES AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, WHICH COULD RESULT IN US INVESTMENTS OF DOLLAR 100 MILLION IN CAMEROON. WE THEREFORE CONCUR WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

6. PLS ADVISE ASAP.

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